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MEMBERSHIP DUES: Membership in The Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors is \$3.00 per calendar year. Please send your dues to the Secretary-Treasurer:

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THANK-YOU: I would like to thank all the members that have send articles to be published in Timber Talk. The response this last month has been great. We will print the articles from time to time as space permits. We are always in need of articles for publication in OUR newsletter. They can be long or short and about any facet of our hobby. Please send them to the editor.

AUCTION: Bruce Watt, Auction Chairman has done a fine job in organizing the first donation auction of the CAWMC. All members should have received a list. By the time you receive this newsletter, the results should be known. I have received an offer of wood for a future auction so perhaps this winter when we seem to have more time to devote to our collecting interests we will have another. We will discuss the possibilities in Ottawa during the CNA at our annual meeting. Hopefully there will be no postal strike to interfere with the plans for the next one.

CANADIAN WOODEN MONEY QUIZ by Tom Hudson:

1. This broomstick has "M" on one side and "5" on the other side (nothing else). Who issued this Ontario wood? In which city?
2. Here is an easy one- Who were the Royal visitors honored on broomsticks?
3. This town issued two different broomsticks, one incused and one printed.
4. In which year did J. Douglas Ferguson issue his 50 personal woods? (i.e.-a total of 50 pieces were printed).
5. This city put out woods (broomstick)- 2 in 1955, 2 in 1956, 1 no date 1959, 3 different 1964-1965 no date.

WOODEN MEMBERSHIP CARDS: At long last we are waiting the arrival of our 1975 and 1976 cards. Enquiries are being made about having our Wooden Membership list (of Charter Members) printed, but there is still a few members who have not paid their 1976 dues. If you are one please send your \$3.00 + \$1.00 for wood list to the Secretary-Treasurer - Bruce Watt - address above.

ERROR: Last month Tom Hudson of 1806 Rogers St., Apt. 3, Long Beach, Calif., USA 90805 advertised the Lakewood, California Bi-Centennial wood. The typist (me) copied incorrectly. Did anyone send for 3 at \$1.00, when they were advertised at 30¢ each? Anyway the prices should have read: 30¢ each or 5 for \$1.00 postpaid. Sorry Tom.

CNA: Hopefully before the next issue of Timber Talk is issued we will have a "Chairman" to contact with ideas, business, etc. for our non-election year annual meeting in Ottawa.

CANADIAN WOODEN MONEY QUIZ ANSWERS:

1. Silverwood Dairy, Peterboro, Ontario
2. Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip
3. Lindsey
4. 1958
5. Niagara Falls

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS: (free to members of the CAWMC- just send to editor)

FOR SALE: 1976 Olympia Coin Club Show - Flat 1½" square piece -
 Side one- Olympia Coin/ Club Show/ March 20-21, / 1976/ Olympia, Wash. (Blk)
 Side two- Good for/ 25 Cents/ In Trade at any/ Bourse Table (Lt. Blue)
 25¢ each + SASE or envelope (SAE) + postage from:
 Art Dwelley
 P. O. Box D
 Tenino, Washington, USA 98589

WOODEN TOKENS NEEDED BY: Mr. J. D. Ferguson
 Box 38

Rock Island, Quebec JOB 2KO

NEWFOUNDLAND: St. John - Kinsmen - Indian Head
 - " - Good for Booze

QUEBEC: OKA - Raymond Restaurant
 St. Hyacinthe - Pierrre Laberge
 - Coin Exchange 1968
 - " " 1969 - all but Washington

SASKATCHEWAN: Regina- Dairy Queen
 Saskatoon - Early Feed - Seed Ltd.
 - Technicians
 - 1974 Boomtown

MANITOBA: Flin Flon- Yari Craft Specialities
 Neepawa - 75th Anniversary
 Portage La Prairie - Little Portage Steak House
 Rapid City - Centennial 1967
 Winnipeg- Automatic Car Wash
 - North Main Car Wash
 - Alec Goodman's Pacific 66

WANTED: by George Parfet
 729 Euclid Avenue
 Temple, Pennsylvania
 U. S. A. 19560

ALBERTA: Bowness- 58 Mobile Egg Shop-Red
 Brooks- Ubertino Hobbies Murcury Outboard-5¢ Lge. Black (Mercury?)
 - 64 2nd Coin-a-Rama Sq. 5¢ Rd/Blk
 - 63 Coin-a-Rama Pur. both sides
 -Serniak Red & Blk
 Camrose- Auction Co. Ltd.
 Coronation- 71 60th Ann. 5¢ Blk
 Edmonton - 75 Coin Show
 - Gerald Willis Personal Ins Ser
 Lethbridge- Smith's Colar T.V. 1974 \$10 Blk - Both Varieties
 Lendbreck - 1958 Mom's Kitchen - Beaver's Lunch Blk
 Medicine Hat- 67 7th Coin-O-Rama
 Mewata & Garrison Officer's Mess & Alberta \$5
 Red Deer- 1962 Kinsmen 5¢ Red

How about going through your duplicates and trying to help these two members?

There is NOT a 'Pot of Gold' at the
end of every rainbow!

C. E. Parker

This is not a success story! It is only a recital of a lot of tracing and running about - and it has no happy ending.

It began when I chanced upon an "Alex Goodman's Pacific 66" wooden nickel. It had no address but it did have a telephone number. In the Winnipeg Directory there was a Pacific 66 service station with that number. When I went there, they told me that Alex Goodman was no longer the operator. He had moved to Roblin, Manitoba. They also told me that some people had tried to cash them in - but had been refused! So they had none, but will redeem any others offered and hold them for me. So far (6 months) none have turned up!)

Following that, I picked up a "Portage & Lenore Service" wooden nickel. When I went to that location they told me that they had none and that these pieces had been issued by Fred Nickle, the previous owner. However, when I got in touch with Mr. Nickle, he told me that these pieces had been issued by a Mr. Alex Goodman. When I asked him if this was the same Alex Goodman who had moved to the Pacific 66 on Pembina Highway and was now in Roblin, he said that that was the fellow.

Looking through the Provincial Telephone Directory, I found in Roblin, a company called "Goodman Ford Agency." When I dialed that number I did not reach Mr. Goodman. I spoke instead to his business partner - who had also been in business with him at the Portage & Lenore site and later at the Pacific 66 station.

He told me that Alex (I felt that I could call him by his first name by now!) had moved on to Swan River after closing the Roblin business. I asked him if Alex had any wooden nickels left, and he thought that he had. I offered to pay whatever price he might ask, plus postage, if he could send me a few.

After three weeks had gone by and the postman brought me no parcel, I phoned direct to Swan River. Alex informed me that he had none left and that was the reason he had sent me none!

After all that time and effort, I had nothing to show for it, except the knowledge that the two wooden nickels had been issued by the same person. Will that deter me in the future? I don't think so. I will continue to follow up every lead I get, and someday, I may find the legendary 'Pot of Gold' at the end of the rainbow.

T H E E N D - F O R N O W

I have written the odd article that has been published in various wooden nickel club newsletters and I have read a great number of articles. The above article by Ed has to be one of the best (if not the best). It has a personal flavor that is undescibable. I hope we have more articles like it, both from Ed and from other members.

WOODEN MONEY OF THE TOWN OF IROQUOIS FALLS, ONTARIO

by Don J. Smith, CAWMC C-27

The Town of Iroquois Falls lies just south of the 49th. parallel in North-Eastern Ontario, in the District of Cochrane, and is located along the Abitibi River, about 20 miles west of Lake Abitibi. Iroquois Falls is about 30 miles south-east of Cochrane and 45 miles north-east of Timmins city-center. The climate is said to be "sub-arctic."

Since 1969, five pieces of wooden money have been made for the area. Hopefully, this article will clarify the many names that occur of these pieces, such as; Calvert, Montrock, Iroquois, Ansonville, and Gelinas.

Iroquois Falls is a one-industry Town, and in its early years was a closed-company town, owned by the Abitibi Paper Company Limited, whose founder was F. H. Anson. Anson had obtained extensive wood limits and power rights in 1912, and had the Townsite incorporated in 1915. Because it was a closed company town, those workers wishing to own land, settled in the adjoining Townships, and settlements such as Monteith, Porquois Junction, Calvert Township and the Village of Montrock. The largest settlement south of and adjacent to Iroquois Falls was Ansonville, (named after F. H. Anson), within the Incorporated (1918) Township of Calvert.

On January 1st. 1969, The Township of Calvert annexed the Town of Iroquois Falls, and the Municipality was known as The "Township of Calvert". However, effective January 1st. 1971, The Township of Calvert ceased to be, and this very large (in area) Municipality was granted Town status, and was named the Town of Iroquois Falls. As a matter of interest, the area known as Ansonville is now Iroquois Falls "A", as is its Post Office.

In 1969, the Calvert Coin Club issued its first wooden nickel, to commemorate its 3rd. annual coin auction. I understand that this was the last coin show held by the Club. You will notice the name Calvert Coin Club, and the address Ansonville, Ontario and the date, April, 13, 1969, on this piece.

The President of the Coin Club was also the Postmaster of the Ansonville Post Office, (now Iroquois Falls A). J. Gaston Gelinas decided to run for the office of President of the Ontario Branch of the Canadian Postmasters Association in May, 1969. Mr. Gelinas had wooden nickels made to advertise his ambition, and circulated these among members attending the Ontario Convention in Peterborough. He won the election.

....CTD.

In October of the same year, Mr. Gelinas used the same wooden pieces for his bid at the Office of President of the Canadian Postmasters Association, at the national Convention held in Ottawa. He was not successful. However, he said the wooden money "created a lot of talk, and fun".

In 1971, the Calvert Coin Club issued wooden quarters for the Iroquois Winter Carnival. These pieces actually circulated at the Carnival and were so popular that the idea was continued in 1972 and 1973. The first three issues from Iroquois Falls feature an Indian Head, and the last two show, "Jack Pine Joe," the "happy log", the symbol of the "Logging Winter Carnival".

Winter Carnivals were held in 1974 and 1975 but as the Calvert Coin Club was no longer active, wooden pieces were not issued. The 1976 Carnival may prove to be very low-key, as at this writing, (January 1976) the mill workers of Iroquois Falls have been on strike against the Abitibi Paper Company for seven months.

Wooden Nickel (Indian Head)

Calvert Coin Club/3rd./Coin Auction/April 13, 1969/

P.O. Box 783/Ansonville, Ontario

round-black print-2500 issued

Wooden Nickel (Indian Head)

Use Good Cents/Elect/J. Gaston/Gelinas/President/1969

round-black print-2500 issued

Wooden - Quarters/Calvert Coin Club (Indian Head)

Montrock - Ansonville/ Iroquois/Winter/Carnival/March 5-6-7/
1971/Iroquois Falls

round-black print-2500 issued

Wooden Quarter/Calvert Coin Club (Jack Pine Joe, the happy log)

Iroquois Falls Ontario/Logging/Winter/Carnival/March 2-3-4,
1972

round-black print-2500 issued

Wooden Nickel/Calvert Coin Club (Jack Pine Joe)

Iroquois Falls Ontario/Happy/Winter/Carnival/March 2,3,4,1973

round-black print-2500 issued

DON J. SMITH

Thank you for a most interesting and informative article Don. Also, I was saved two pages of typing, which at this time of night is really appreciated. See you all next month.

In October of the same year, Mr. Bailey used the same wooden
place for his bid at the Office of President of the
Canadian Postmaster Association, at the national convention
held in Ottawa. He was not successful. However, he said
the wooden money "earned a lot of talk, and fun."

In 1971, the Calgary Fair Club issued wooden quarters for
the 1971 Winter Carnival. These pieces are actually circulated
at the carnival and were so popular that the club was notified
in 1972 and 1973. The first three issues from 1971 to 1973
feature Mr. Nathan Reed, and the last two show "Jack Pine Lee,"
the "happy face". The symbol of the "Happy Face Winter Carnival".

Winter Carnivals were held in 1974 and 1975 but as the
Calgary Fair Club was no longer active, wooden pieces were not
issued. The 1975 Carnival was held on the fair grounds, as
was the 1976. However, in 1977 the fair grounds of Calgary
fair have been an active site since the 1978 fair season
for seven seasons.

Winter Fair (Nathan Reed)
Calgary Fair Club, 1971, 1972, 1973
P.C. 1971, 1972, 1973
wood-black print-2500 issued

Winter Fair (Nathan Reed)
Calgary Fair Club, 1974, 1975, 1976
P.C. 1974, 1975, 1976
wood-black print-2500 issued

Winter Fair (Nathan Reed)
Calgary Fair Club, 1977, 1978, 1979
P.C. 1977, 1978, 1979
wood-black print-2500 issued

Winter Fair (Nathan Reed)
Calgary Fair Club, 1980, 1981, 1982
P.C. 1980, 1981, 1982
wood-black print-2500 issued

Winter Fair (Nathan Reed)
Calgary Fair Club, 1983, 1984, 1985
P.C. 1983, 1984, 1985
wood-black print-2500 issued

END A. 1985

There are two more interesting and informative articles for 1986. I
was asked for pieces of silver, which is the first time in nearly
seventy years. You are all invited.